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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 7, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks. A Notice of Appeal was filed on March 6, 2006.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.